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Posthumous Award for Local Flier

Announcement was made today by James Forrester, secretary of the navy, of the awarding of the Air Medal posthumously to Wallace James Schuetz, aviation machinist's mate, USNR, son of George L. Schuetz, 1030 Third street north.

Wallace Schuetz was listed as killed in action April 29, 1944, in the Pacific.

"For meritorious achievement in aerial flight as turret gunner of a torpedo bomber, attached to U.S.S. Bunker Hill air group, operating against Japanese forces at Truk, Hollandia and Woleai, and in the Palau islands, from March 15 to April 29, 1944.

"Undaunted in the face of formidable anti-aircraft fire, frequent aerial opposition and adverse weather conditions, Schuetz manned his gun with aggressive determination during numerous combat missions executed in support of our landing operations and in offensive action against Japanese shipping and ground installations.

"By his resolute vigilance, expert marksmanship and cool courage under fire, Schuetz contributed essentially to the superb teamwork of his crew, whose combined efforts resulted in extensive damage inflicted upon the enemy in these areas and his unwavering devotion throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States naval service."

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